

AMENERS' FEAST NEAR AT HAND

Big Banquet Planned for
Last of the Month.

JOLLYTY IN NEW YORK

Some of the Leaders of Thought in the
Country to Attend the Dinner at
the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The annual feast of the "Amen Corner" is billed for Wednesday evening, January 27, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The guest of honor will be Mayor George B. McClellan, and the committees having the affair in charge are busy arranging one of the most original entertainments ever planned for a banquet in the city. Much mystery surrounds the preparations. The committee has superintended rehearsals for weeks. Even members of the "corner" are kept in the dark about certain humorous features.

Subjects Discussed.

The "Amen Corner" was so named because it is the gathering spot in the Fifth Avenue Hotel corridor of those who talk politics, music, religion, poetry, art, political economy, statesmanship, office-seeking, foreign and domestic finance, international law, constitutional law, police court law, civil district law, the quality of cigars, the quality and effect of stimulants, club life, the idiosyncrasies of the Mugwump, anarchist, socialist, and single-taxer, the latest fashion in clothes, the best kind of pipe to smoke, the latest kind of hats, canes, and umbrellas; the newest perfume, the customs of every country of the globe, the inquisitiveness of local politicians and civil service reformers, and many other topics.

Prominent Guests.

The men who for years have discussed these problems in the "Amen Corner" are doctors, lawyers, politicians, newspaper men, hotel men, men about town, generals, colonels, captains, majors, high privates, and citizens from all parts of the United States and Europe, Asia, and Africa. When all agree as to the solution of a problem under discussion each man says "Amen," and another problem is tackled.

Among the distinguished citizens, public officers, clergymen, orators, lawyers, journalists, and business men who are expected to join with the brethren of the "Amen Corner" are President Roosevelt, Senators Platt and Deane, William Jennings Bryan, the Very Rev. Father M. J. Lavelle, the Rev. Dr. George C. Houghton, Mayor Collins of Boston, Mayor Harrison of Chicago, Mayor Johnson of Cleveland, Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia, Mayor Mulvihill of Bridgeport, Charles F. Murphy, Senator McCarran, Comptroller Edward M. Grout, Perry Belmont, August Belmont, and Governor Chamberlain of Connecticut.

Special Cars.

Special cars are to bring statesmen and correspondents from Washington and Albany to the dinner. The menu cards and souvenirs are of original design. A selected and well-trained chorus will render all the popular songs of the day and parodies for the men of the "Amen Corner." The officers of the "Amen Corner" are: President, Edward G. Riggs; secretary, Charles Steadler; treasurer, Luther Little; directors, Gen. Charles T. Furlong, Arthur Graves, Walter L. Hawley, John W. McDonald, Harold Anderson, Robert Dill, Louis A. Stebold, and Charles Norcross.

TITLE GUARANTY HAS OVER \$1,000,000 CAPITAL

Surety business is in its infancy in this country. One of the strongest supporters of this industry is The Title Guaranty and Trust Company of Scranton, Pa., with a capital largely in excess of a million dollars, and which was first in the State of Pennsylvania, and controlled and managed by a board of directors composed of leading men of finance and integrity.

While it has established its agencies in nearly every State in the Union, none is more prominent than the agency in the District of Columbia, represented by George T. Parker, who presides over the offices of the company in the Colorado Building, and whose efforts are seconded in a legal way by Edwin B. Hay, the well-known attorney.

The importance of the agency at the seat of government cannot be questioned, because this company, having qualified to execute the largest bonds ever demanded by the United States Government, has been accepted upon contracts for public buildings, as well as upon the great battleships now under construction. In having business dealings with this company there are the special advantages of the safety of the bond, the promptness of execution, and the extreme reasonableness of the rates.

SKELTON OF A GIANT FOUND BY WORKMEN

Bones of Man Eleven Feet Tall Unearthed in Gravel Bed.

WINNEBUCA, Nev., Jan. 16.—Workmen engaged in digging gravel here have uncovered, at a depth of twelve feet, bones that once were part of a skeleton of a giant human being. Joseph Rougon, who was in charge of the work, took the bones to Dr. Samuel, who said they were of a man who must have been nearly eleven feet tall.

The metacarpal bones measure four and a half inches long and are large in proportion. A part of the ulna was found which in complete form would have been between seventeen and eighteen inches long. The remaining part of the skeleton is being searched for.

PORTE HOLDS FORCES READY FOR ACTION

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 16.—Owing to advice from Sofia that the insurgent leaders were prepared to commence their campaign against Turkish rule immediately, the porte has ordered the mobilization of the active reserves and has instructed the general reserves to hold themselves in readiness. Couriers have gone to Adrianople and Salonica with urgent orders to the respective commanders in those districts to hold two army corps prepared for immediate marching orders.

THE STATE SOLVING GOOD ROADS PROBLEM

In White Mountains Fifty Miles of Highways Practically
Completed and Many Others Planned.

(Written for The Washington Times by Nakum J. Bachelder, Governor of New Hampshire.)

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 16.—The subject of good roads is one of national concern. If the meritorious Brownlow bill, now pending before Congress, is enacted into law, it will become, to a certain extent, a matter of national supervision. But before that day comes the individual States, anticipating and preparing for national aid, will have done much on their own behalf for improved highways.

New Hampshire's unique situation, the nature of her topography and the character of her population, permanent and transient, make the good roads problem one of immediate interest and importance in the Granite State. In testimony whereof, on the day following the publication of the first of these letters, the writer received a communication from Charles J. Glidden, the world famous automobilist.

A Vigorous Plea.

Mr. Glidden, who feels a deep personal interest in New Hampshire and her welfare, entered a vigorous plea for better roads in this State, urging especially State highways from Nashua to Fabyan and thence to Portsmouth, thus enabling, as he says, "the automobile to reach the summer places and induce people to locate permanently among the granite hills."

This automobile is no longer an experiment or a plaything, but is a highly useful factor in the national life. It is for New Hampshire's profit to recognize the claims and desires of automobilists and to attract them within her boundaries as often and for as long periods as possible. This is particularly true, because what Mr. Glidden and all the other automobilists want is just what most of New Hampshire's other summer residents ardently desire, and what will be of great importance in many ways to the business economy of the State as a whole and its interests.

State Let Aid.

This fact has long been recognized, in a degree, and for many years the State has been giving aid to the towns in the mountains and lake regions in keeping their roads in repair. As to the degree in which these appropriations have been useful, and, opinions differ, but at any rate the State has thus shown its good will to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars.

There has been a gradual improvement, also, in the change from the highway district system of road construction and repair to the town system, and the Legislature of 1903 took a long step in advance by initiating a move for State supervision.

Engineer at Work.

By this legislation the governor and council, with the assistance of an engineer, were authorized to investigate the highway problem, and to report to the next Legislature in the form of a bill, their recommendations for the future policy of the State in this matter, including the location and construction of roads, the location and extent of permanent improvements and the method of providing funds. The engineer authorized in this act is now at work mapping the roads of the State, and the governor

PREPARING THE DESIGN FOR FRENCH EMBASSY

Mr. Bernier, Architect of Paris, Delegated to Furnish Plans for the
New Washington Building.

It can be stated positively that France will build an embassy of magnificent proportions in Washington within the next two years.

The French government already owns a large lot on Twenty-second Street and Decatur Place, purchased two years ago for the sum of \$100,000.

It was hoped that the French national assembly would make provision for the erection of a building on this lot in the budget which was recently adopted. In view, however, of the heavy expense caused by the purchase of the Farnese Palace in Rome for the French embassy there, the government did not deem it advisable to expend any more money on foreign posts this year, but it is practically assured that the appropriation for the Washington embassy will be made in the next budget.

An evidence of this is the fact that the government has designated M. Bernier a member of the institute, and the architect of the Opera Comique, of Paris, to prepare designs for the Washington embassy. M. Bernier has already begun the preparations of these plans, and it is reported the building will be unusually handsome.

For the new embassy at Vienna, the government has selected M. Chedannes to prepare designs.

LAWYER'S FEE \$30,000 FOR CLEARE GAMBLER

BINGHAMTON, Jan. 16.—It is announced that the Hon. John B. Stanchfield received from Richard Canfield the largest fee ever paid in this State for defending a gambler. A prominent Binghamton politician was in conversation with Canfield in New York when the check was made out, and it was drawn for \$30,000.

This will include the expenses of the case to date, and it is paid on the belief that the case is ended so far as the future prosecution of Canfield is concerned, and that Stanchfield has cleared his client of the indictment.

MR. GIESEKING CONTROLS LARGE PROPERTY INTERESTS

Fred C. Gieseking, one of the oldest real estate brokers in Washington, has recently opened offices in the New Colorado Building. Mr. Gieseking controls a large amount of property for some of the larger local estates, and has also built up a mammoth insurance business. He has charge of the rental of some of the best houses in the city, and patrons are assured of prompt and courteous treatment. The result of his practical knowledge and experience.

and the members of his council are giving thought and personal investigation to the matter of their report.

The question now is not one of State aid to towns in repairing roads, but of a comprehensive system of permanent road improvement; a system which can be outlined with such exactness, before a dollar is expended in construction, as to clearly show where the permanently improved roads are to begin and end, the expense to the State for construction, and the annual expense of maintenance. This policy will provide for improvements upon sections of existing roads composing the system mapped out, rather than the building of many new roads.

Permeate Every Section.

It will aim to permeate every section of the State, and while no formal decision has as yet been reached it is likely that it will be thought best, taking everything into consideration, to make this State system largely of well-bastioned, well-drained and well-surfaced gravel roads, whose cost, using the present roadbed for a basis, would be from \$300 to \$1,500 a mile.

On this calculation, by the appropriation of \$100,000 a year for six years, the State could have at the end of that time 600 miles of the best roads in the world for travel, traversing the State from its entrances at the southwest, south-center and southeast to the White Mountains and beyond, with several cross sections. This estimate contemplates the division of the cost between State, county, and town.

Parts Already Constructed.

Some parts of this system have already been constructed by the State under special acts. In the White Mountains, for instance, there are some fifty miles of State highways practically completed, which must be inevitably the most picturesque and valuable section of the entire system. Along the seacoast the construction of a permanent and excellent ocean boulevard is well advanced. These roads, being necessarily new construction, probably will be the most expensive to build of any in the entire system.

The people of the State are coming to recognize generally the fact that the building of permanent roads is simply a business proposition, business-like way, more mystery about building roads than about building houses. Let the State determine the right kind of road to be built, appropriate the money to build it, and then enter upon a policy of permanent highway improvement in a sensible, practical, business-like way, conforming the highway to the kind of travel for which it is desired.

Welcome to All.

We know, up here in New Hampshire, that within a day's ride of our summer capital, Mount Washington, there are 10,000,000 people. We would like to have at least a tenth of them visit us every summer. And in order to get them in and keep them in as long as we can, we are planning these improvements, designed to make a good impression on the newcomer, whether he arrives on foot or horseback, by boat or bicycle, in automobile, palace car, or steam yacht.

The welcome is equally hearty for one and all.

NO RECIPROCITY WANTED IN THE NORTHWEST

Resident of That Section Explains the
Reasons for a Proposed Treaty
With Canada.

"The strength of the sentiment in the Northwest in favor of reciprocity with Canada has been exaggerated," said H. H. Wadsworth, a leading attorney of Minneapolis, following a call on the President. "In my opinion it is promoted mainly by Americans who have bought land on the other side of the border. Personally, so long as we are producing more wheat than we can consume ourselves, I do not see why we should throw the doors open to Canadian wheat."

Mr. Wadsworth has been traveling over the East in the last week or so. He assured the President that from his observations he considered his nomination certain. The Panama policy he said he found generally supported.

MODERN SYSTEM FOR TREASURY

Better Ventilation Needed
Throughout Building.

MEANS GREAT CONFUSION

Officials Expect Things to Be Topsy-Turvy in Spring, When
Improvements Begin.

Plans are being perfected at the Treasury Department for the new ventilating system which will be installed in a short time. Work will be begun early in the coming spring, and eight or ten months will be required to complete it. An immense amount of labor will be necessary to install the system. It will mean almost endless confusion in the Treasury Building, and Treasury officials are looking for things to be in a topsy-turvy condition while the improvements are being made.

Officials Oppose Plan.

Little was known of modern ventilating systems when the Treasury Department building was designed. In order to perfect it a large amount of cutting through floors and walls will be necessary. Were it not for the imperative need for better ventilation, the improvement would not be attempted, and some of the Treasury officials have opposed it. It has been determined, however, to go ahead and install the system, for which Congress a year ago appropriated \$125,000.

Just what method will be adopted has not been disclosed, and the plans are being worked out in the office of the supervising architect. It will be a fan system, however, and will provide a good flow of air through the building from basement to top.

New Pipe Sewer.

Because of the putting in of the ventilating system, it will be necessary to put in a new pipe sewer to take the place of the old brick sewer that runs along the west end of the sub-basement and through the building from north to south. This sewer, though not the main one in the building now, has been used for many years, and it is thought best to replace it. While it would last for several years more, it will be covered by the pipes of the new ventilating system and it will be much cheaper to replace it now than after the pipes are over it. An estimate of \$34,000 has been sent in to Congress for replacing the brick sewer and it is likely it will be allowed.

These two improvements alone will involve an expenditure of nearly \$200,000. The installation of the electric system will require a large sum in addition to this. Congress has been asked to appropriate \$13,000 more for the completion of the electric system, work on which has been going on for months.

CLAYTON E. EMIG.

One of the many lawyers to take quarters in the new Colorado Building is Clayton E. Emig, who has elaborately equipped a suite of rooms on the eighth floor. Mr. Emig is today one of the most successful men practicing before the District bar. He was born in York county, Pa. in 1882, and was brought up in the old homestead which his ancestors purchased from the heirs of William Penn.

Mr. Emig was educated in the common schools and the Emigville Academy until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he entered Eastman's Business College and Gaskell's College of Pennsylvania, where he afterwards served as instructor. In 1895 he entered Oberlin College in Ohio and later the Maryland College of Law, from which he graduated and was admitted to the Baltimore bar.

Since 1893 Mr. Emig has been a resident in the District and has been all our courts and the Court of Claims. In the early days of his career Mr. Emig devoted a great deal of time to the lecture platform, and has acquired national fame as a public speaker.

Mr. Emig takes a deep interest in religious and charitable organizations. He is an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church, is a member of the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association, and has been president of the Bloomingdale, LeDroit Park, and Reservoir Heights Citizens' Association since its organization.

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